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bury, Md., growing in water from six inches to two and a half feet deep. Stems throwing out scaly-jointed runners from the base, which take root at the joints, and sometimes produce a few delicate immersed leaves. Upper part of stem and leaves sharply triangular, the involucre channelled or bayonet-shaped, six to nine inches long. The credit of detecting this species belongs to my friend, Albert Commons, of Delaware, who accompanied me in one of my visits.

*RHYNCHOSPORA PALLIDA*, M. A. Curtis, Chapman's Flora, p. 527.—Not uncommon in the Pine Barrens of New Jersey, especially near Quaker Bridge and Atsion. June and July. This has probably been overlooked, from its close external resemblance to *R. alba*, Vahl., but it is very distinct.

*ARISTIDA LANATA*, Poir.—Sandy soil near Salisbury, Md. October.

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The Librarian read his annual report for 1863, as follows :—

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN FOR 1863.

The Librarian begs leave to report that, during the year just past, the following additions have been made to the Library, viz :

Folio 15; Quarto 282; Octavo 638; Duodecimo 16; Maps, &c., 15; Total 966. Of which there were Volumes 101; Tracts 850; Maps 15; Total 966.

These have been received from the following sources :—

Editors 157; Authors 82; Societies 449; Maclure Fund 43; Library Fund 81; Dr. Wilson 124; Smithsonian Institution 4; J. P. Hall, 1; J. W. Dawson 1; A. D. Bache 1; Secretary of the Treasury 1; Asa Gray 1; R. L. Barnes 1; S. S. Garrigues 1; Dr. Hammond, U. S. A., 1; Geol. Survey of India 1; J. L. Darlington 1; New York State Library 10; New York State University 3; W. I. Kintsing 1; Isaac Lea 1; P. A. Dare 1; Total 966.

These belong to the following departments, viz. :—

Journals 694; Bibliography 24; Agriculture 1; Languages 2; Geology 56; Ornithology 28; Botany 20; Physical Science 13; Conchology 19; Mammalogy 3; Biography 3; Gen. Nat. History 36; Mineralogy 2; Anatomy and Physiology 19; Entomology 29; Voyages and Travels 2; Herpetology 2; Medicine 3; Religion 1; Antiquities 2; Ichthyology 1; Helminthology 1; Chemistry 5; Total 966.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. SERGEANT, *Librarian*.

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Pursuant to the By-Laws, an election of members of the Standing Committees for 1864 was held, as follows :—

*ETHNOLOGY.*

J. A. MEIGS,  
S. S. HALDEMAN,  
I. I. HAYES,

*BOTANY.*

E. DURAND,  
JOSEPH CARSON,  
AUBREY H. SMITH.

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panied by an internal scarious bract; and the scales of the spike are thin-membranaceous and greenish. Stamens 3. Bristles of the perigynium stout, beset with widely spreading or somewhat retrorse, weak, short hairs rather than barbs. Style 3-cleft. Achenium smooth, a line and a half long, triangular, with the inner face broadest; the broad and even retuse summit tipped with a conspicuous, very abrupt and narrow beak. At my especial request, I am permitted to characterize this species and to name it in honor of the collector, my valued correspondent, Mr. Canby. I leave it to him to give an account of its mode of growth and general character." A. GRAY.

1864.]

*COMP. ANAT. AND GEN. ZOOLOGY.*

JOSEPH LEIDY,  
J. M. CORSE,  
J. H. SLACK.

*MAMMALOLOGY.*

J. H. SLACK,  
JOHN CASSIN,  
J. L. LeCONTE.

*ORNITHOLOGY.*

JOHN CASSIN,  
S. W. WOODHOUSE,  
J. H. SLACK.

*HERPETOLOGY & ICHTHYOLOGY.*

E. D. COPE,  
R. BRIDGES,  
J. C. MORRIS.

*CONCHOLOGY.*

T. A. CONRAD,  
W. G. BINNEY,  
G. W. TRYON, JR.

*ENTOMOLOGY AND CRUSTACEA.*

R. BRIDGES,  
E. T. CRESSON,  
J. F. KNIGHT.

*GEOLOGY.*

ISAAC LEA,  
CHARLES E. SMITH,  
J. P. LESLEY.

*MINERALOGY.*

WM. S. VAUX,  
J. C. TRAUTWINE,  
T. D. RAND.

*PALÆONTOLOGY.*

JOSEPH LEIDY,  
T. A. CONRAD,  
J. L. Le CONTE.

*PHYSICS.*

B. HOWARD RAND,  
WM. M. UHLER,  
R. E. ROGERS.

*LIBRARY.*

WM. S. VAUX,  
JOSEPH LEIDY,  
JOSEPH JEANES.

*PROCEEDINGS.*

JOSEPH LEIDY,  
WM. S. VAUX,  
JOHN CASSIN,  
THOMAS STEWARDSON,  
ROBERT BRIDGES.

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*February 2d.*

Vice-President VAUX in the Chair.

Twenty-one members present.

The following were presented for publication :—

“Synoptical List of the Grouse,” &c. By D. G. Elliott.

“Synonymy of the Species of Strepomatidæ, No. 2.” By Geo. W. Tryon, Jr.

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*February 9th.*

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Seventeen members present.

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*February 16th.*

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Twenty-two members present.

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